



SHAPING THE WAY WE TEACH ENGLISH MOOC

Session 1: January 5-March 13, 2015

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The American Center at U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce the launch of 2015 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) prepared by and for English-teaching professionals.

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Office is presenting the *Shaping the Way We Teach English MOOC* through a partnership with University of Oregon and Coursera. This **free program** is an opportunity for **current and future educators of English as a Foreign Language (EFL)** to improve the quality of their teaching methods.

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Course basics: The goal of this course is to help participants improve their teaching methods and outcomes. By the end of this course, participants should be able to explain how the various materials and approaches presented will lead to better language learning; to choose appropriate materials and apply varied classroom activities to improve their students' study of English; to create a lesson plan that incorporates topics from the online course; and to better evaluate both their own and other teachers' practices. 10-week course divided into two distinct 5-week parts that explore important aspects of teaching English as a second or foreign language. The course focuses on authenticity, collaboration, critical thinking, assessment, and learner differences.

- This is a free way to learn from top-ranked U.S. university faculty members to enhance your English teaching knowledge and expertise.
- It is a unique, multimedia-rich collaborative environment where you can interact with English-language educators from all over the world.
- It is prepared by and for English-teaching professionals

Syllabus: *Shaping the Way We Teach English* MOOC is divided into two parts: "The Landscape of English Language Teaching" and "Paths to Success in Language Teaching."

The Landscape of English Language Teaching Schedule	
Part one (Jan 5-Feb 6, 2015)	Part 2 (Feb 9-Mar 13)
Week 1: <i>Authentic materials to enhance student motivation</i>	Week 1: <i>Integrating skills and using tasks to motivate learners</i>
Week 2: <i>Pair and group work for collaborative learning</i>	Week 2: <i>Alternative assessment to demonstrate language ability</i>
Week 3: <i>Critical and creative thinking to drive learning</i>	Week 3: <i>Incorporating individual learning differences in instruction</i>
Week 4: <i>Learner feedback and assessment to evaluate student progress</i>	Week 4: <i>Effective classroom management</i>
Week 5: <i>Language in context and using content to structure language learning</i>	Week 5: <i>Reflective teaching</i>

Login: The MOOC is asynchronous and have readings, videos, resources, and discussion forums. Anyone signed up for the courses can join in at any time they wish, during the scheduled week for that part of the course. There is not a slated time. The course is asynchronous, meaning that people will be joining in at different times to view the material and then complete their assignments. **Enroll today at:**

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The American Center will host **Facilitated Sessions** at EMK Center. The Schedule will be published shortly. For any further queries, please contact **Raihana Sultana** at **sultanar1@state.gov**.